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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY (PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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<p>Applicant's or agent's file reference see form PCT/ISA/220</p>		
International application No PCT/EP2005000480	International filing date (day/month/year) 19.01.2005	Priority date (day/month/year) 03.02.2004
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC B41M5/00, C01B33/26, C01B33/40		
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No I Basis of the opinion
- Box No II Priority
- Box No III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No VI Certain documents cited
- Box No VII Certain defects in the international application
- Box No VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - a sequence listing
 - table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - in written format
 - in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - contained in the international application as filed.
 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-9
	No:	Claims	10
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-9
	No:	Claims	10
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-10
	No:	Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

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0. **Reference is made to the following documents:**

- D4: DATABASE WPI Section Ch, Week 199018 Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB; Class D15, AN 1990-137299 XP002294743 & KR 8 902 143 B (JONG S) 21 June 1989 (1989-06-21)
- D5: DATABASE WPI Section Ch, Week 197609 Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB; Class J01, AN 1976-15852X XP002294745 & JP 51 005285 A (TOKICO LTD) 16 January 1976 (1976-01-16)
- D6: DATABASE WPI Section Ch, Week 197609 Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB; Class A81, AN 1976-15854X XP002294746 & JP 51 005287 A (TOKICO LTD) 16 January 1976 (1976-01-16)
- D7: DATABASE WPI Section Ch, Week 199930 Derwent Publications Ltd., London, GB; Class D15, AN 1999-352568 XP002294747 & JP 11 130422 A (KASSAI KK) 18 May 1999 (1999-05-18)

1. **Remarks concerning claims 1-9**

Present claims 1-9 seem to fulfill the requirements of article 33 PCT.

2. **Remarks concerning claim 10**

Documents D4 to D7 disclose methods for modifying the surface of allophane type aluminosilicate particles comprising the step of submitting said particles to an acidic treatment (see D4-D7 the whole documents).

D4 to D7 therefore disclose all the features of present independent claim 10.

The subject matter of present independent claim 10 is therefore not new in view of the disclosure of D4 to D7 and does therefore not fulfill the requirements of article 33(2) PCT.